

Self-Guided Grounds Quest-Middle School & High School

On the following page you will find the Capitol Grounds Quest. The Grounds Quest is an **optional self-guided** activity in addition to guided tours that have been scheduled at the Visitors Center and/or inside the Capitol. Make additional copies as needed in advance of your visit to the Capitol Complex. If you have a large number of students designate different starting points and arrange to do the quests in varying order.

Before beginning the Grounds Quest, make sure that all teachers, chaperones and parents know the start times and location of their Capitol Tour and/or Visitors Center Tours. **Arrange in advance where to meet in order to regroup prior to the start of those scheduled tours. Both the Capitol & Visitors Center Tours will begin at the scheduled times.**

For groups with at least 30 minutes of waiting time *prior* to check in for their Capitol Tour, we suggest doing questions 1-12. For groups with at least 30 minutes of open time *after* their Capitol Tour, we recommend doing questions 13-24.

Grounds Quest Answers

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| 1. Grotto and Lagoon | 13. Tribute to Texas Children |
| 2. East Drinking Fountain | 14. Tyler Rose |
| 3. Great Walk | 15. Texas Pioneer Women |
| 4. Heroes of the Alamo | 16. World War II |
| 5. Tejanos | 17. Statue of Liberty Replica |
| 6. Capitol of 1852-1853 | 18. Pearl Harbor |
| 7. Volunteer Firemen Monument | 19. Korean War |
| 8. Emancipation from slavery (Juneteenth) | 20. World War I |
| 9. Texas Cowboy | 21. Star with TEXAS written around it |
| 10. West Grounds Lake | 22. Texas Peace Officers Memorial |
| 11. Spanish American War | 23. Cisterns |
| 12. 36th Infantry, Texas National Guard | 24. March 2, 1882 |

Capitol Grounds Quest

Follow the clues to the monuments and historical markers on the Capitol Grounds. Write the name of each stop on the line provided or take a picture for posterity. A map is provided as a reference.



- 1) This site once was a “veritable Garden of Eden.” _____
- 2) For over 70-years, visitors took water from this site home convinced of the water’s medicinal value. _____
- 3) The promenade leading from Congress Avenue to the Capitol’s south entrance is called the _____.
- 4) Built of Texas Red Granite, the first monument on the grounds honors the participants of a battle no Texan should forget. _____
- 5) This recent monument on the Capitol Grounds honors the contributions of which group of Texans? _____
- 6) What building’s southeast corner once stood where this plaque is located? _____
- 7) On the granite base, there are the names of those Texans who lost their lives fighting fires. _____
- 8) The African American History Memorial celebrates African American contributions to Texas history. What important event in Texas history do you think the two statues standing in the center represent? _____
- 9) This monument is a “tribute to the rough and romantic riders of the range”: _____.
- 10) Originally the depression on the west grounds was actually a _____, which was drained in 1926.
- 11) The bronze soldier on a red granite base is known as “the Hiker.” He is a tribute to the veterans of which war? _____ (1891-1902)
- 12) It may look like a red granite arrowhead, but it is actually the “T-patch” – the insignia of the group the monument honors. _____
- 13) On your visit to the Capitol, you may encounter children on a field trip, or at the very least you will find life-sized bronze versions. _____
- 14) A flower used by Cherokee Indians to mark tribal trails contributed to the development of the _____.
- 15) The Daughters of the Republic of Texas erected the bronze figure holding a baby to honor _____.
- 16) An exact replica of this monument is located in Washington, DC. _____
- 17) In New York, this monument welcomes those “yearning to breathe free.” In Texas, she represents a “pledge of everlasting fidelity and loyalty.” _____
- 18) This monument honors Texans in the U.S. military that were present in Hawaii on that fateful day, December 7, 1941. _____
- 19) Although it is sometimes called the “Forgotten War,” veterans placed this monument on the grounds to remember the more than 289,000 Texans who served and honor the 1,723 Texans killed or missing in action. _____
- 20) This monument honors veterans of what was known as “The Great War” prior to World War II. _____
- 21) The open-air rotunda is an inverse of the rotunda in the Capitol in that at the center of the floor there is a _____.
- 22) Located by the Sam Houston building, this monument is a tribute to the law enforcement personnel whose lives were lost in the line of duty _____.
- 23) Although the underground reservoir is no longer used, the top hatch remains visible on the northeast side of the Capitol. _____
- 24) Find the cornerstone on the northeast corner of the Capitol. The building was dedicated on _____.